

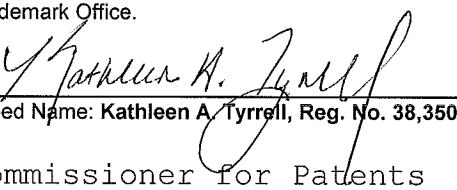
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1649

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**Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

This reply is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed October 4, 2007. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following remarks into the record.

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